

Town's policy on shoreline erosion was amended in 1982. A number of structural and non-structural responses to shoreline erosion were included in the amended policy. A question concerning shoreline erosion policy was included in the public surveys distributed in 1986, 1992, and 1997 as a part of this Update. Respondents to the surveys favored setbacks as the preferable non-structural response and privately funded structural responses such as bulkheads, seawalls, and breakwaters as the preferable structural response. Survey results indicate opposition to the use of public funds.

Realizing the value of a wide and stable recreational beach, shoreline nourishment is the preferred method of shoreline protection.

Concerning greater setback requirements, 72.2% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that greater setback requirements should be required for oceanfront structures. A series of statements concerning funding sources prompted the following responses.

Nearly 53% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed, while 26.8% disagreed or strongly disagreed, that private funds should be used to construct erosion control devices. With respect to the use of public funds for structural responses such as bulkheads, seawalls, breakwaters, or artificial seaweed, 28.2% agreed or strongly agreed while 53.6% disagreed or strongly disagreed with this approach.

Concerning the use of public funds for beach nourishment by pumping or hauling in sand, those responding who agreed or strongly agreed and those who disagreed or strongly disagreed were about equal at 41.4% and 39.3%, respectively. Concerning the use of private funds for such activities, 50.3% agreed or strongly agreed while 29.0% disagreed or strongly disagreed.

A policy similar to the policy which follows was included in the 1993 Update and the strategies for its implementation ☐ also similar ☐ were carried out by the Town.

POLICY

The Town supports long term efforts to maintain and enhance the public trust beach through the